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## POSTWAR DEVELOPMENT OF BULGARIAN ECONOMY

In 1948, only 93 percent of the industrial production plan was completed but production had increased 75 percent since 1929. Heavy industry had increased 123 percent, and light industry, 55 percent. Through reclamation, 53,100 hectares of land were recovered for cultivation. Agricultural production had increased as follows: plants 99 percent, livestock 61 percent, and forestry and hunting 170 percent. Production of lumber for building had increased 53 percent. Seventy-one machine tractor stations were opened, and 84 state farms and more than 1,000 cooperative farms were founded. The railroad net had been increased 13 percent. Wholesale and foreign trade had passed entirely into the hands of the government. Over 72 billion leva had been invested in the national economy, and construction was developing rapidly. Strikes had been eliminated, and wages had been increased by more than 39 percent.

The following table shows the achievements of various branches of Bulgarian industry as compared with the prewar index:

<u>Heavy Industry</u>	<u>1939</u>	<u>1947</u>	<u>1948</u> (planned)	<u>1948</u> (realized)
Electric power output	100	182.8	209.9	209.4
Electrical appliances	100	202	424	600
Natural resources	100	181.6	227.7	199.3
Coal mined	100	244.2	450	383.7
Ore mined	100	173.2	198.1	174.8
Metallurgy	100	462.5	691.7	856
Casting	100	119.9	196.8	188.1
Machinery built	100	337.8	851.4	1,229.7

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	<u>1939</u>	<u>1947</u>	<u>1948</u> (planned)	<u>1948</u> (realized)
<u>Heavy Industry</u>				
Building materials	100	137.2	195.8	183.4
Cement	100	114.2	177.8	168.9
<u>Light Industry</u>				
Wool produced	100	82.8	117.8	103.9
Textiles	100	123	139	145.1
Cotton goods	100	146.1	172	173.9
Woolen cloth	100	101.3	105.5	113.9
Chemical products	100	120.2	202.4	217.8
Soap products	100	67.6	---	94.9
Wood products	100	158.6	266.1	200.8
Paper products	100	144.9	142.9	218.8
Paper	100	134.5	133.1	143.4
Rubber products	100	295.8	418.1	467.1
Tires	100	110	337.5	300
Wood products	100	158.6	266.1	200.8
Glass	100	217.9	196.2	232.1
Window glass	100	93	130	130
Leather products	100	60.8	71.7	81.8
Hides	100	85.4	77.5	61.8
Fishery products	100	107.2	206.2	148.1
Fish	100	107	205	142.6
Food products	100	83.3	127.6	146.4
Canning	100	24.1	---	74.8
Sugar	100	67.2	216	216
Vegetable oils	---	100	---	129.9
Tobacco products	100	98.4	144	107.5
Porcelain, pottery	100	252.9	352.9	382.4
<u>All Industry</u>	100	123.9	167.6	171.5
<u>Agricultural Production</u>				
Plant culture	100	66.6	119.2	99
Oil plants	100	54.7	119.9	73.8
Cereals	100	50.6	112.3	97.7
Flour	100	125.7	150.4	114.6
Fodder grains	100	65.2	106	76.2
Sugar beets	100	57.9	147.4	133.9
Tobacco	100	104.3	93.7	71.7
Viticulture	100	---	---	134.8
Textile plants	100	100	200	150
Livestock	100	75.7	102.3	91.1
Horses	100	85.5	89.7	88.6
Hogs	100	98.6	173.6	147.3
Poultry	100	78.3	125.3	97.9
Eggs	100	65.5	82	75
Meat	100	67	81.3	63.6
Milk	100	74.4	122	99.8
Cattle	100	102.6	109.1	108.3
Sheep, goats	100	98.6	173.6	127.3
<u>Foreign Trade</u>				
Imports	---	100	---	114.9
Exports	---	100	---	166

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	<u>1939</u>	<u>1947</u>	<u>1948</u> (planned)	<u>1948</u> (realized)
<u>Internal Trade</u>				
Goods for rural trade	---	100	163.6	156.2
Goods for cities	---	100	156.3	110.1
<u>Transportation</u>				
Railroad transport	---	136.9	---	155.9
Water transport	---	71.8	---	113.4
Auto transport	---	93	---	126.5
Air transport	---	100	---	569.4
Telecommunications	---	197.5	---	225
<u>Yields per Hectare</u>				
	<u>1947</u>	<u>1948 (planned)</u>	<u>1948 realized</u>	
Cereals	551	1,047	909	
Cotton	750	1,000	800	
Hemp	1,273	1,182	1,091	
Flax	1,800	1,500	1,500	
Sunflowers	789	1,222	722	
Sugar beets	626	1,000	688	
Tobacco	856	889	722	
<u>Supplies per Capita</u>				
Flour	100	142.9	150.9	
Vegetable oils	100	128.2	128.2	
Animal fats	100	248.2	122.3	
Meats	100	130.9	105.3	
Sugar	100	138.7	147.1	
Cheese	100	250	250	
Cloth	100	106.3	105.6	
Shoes	100	159.3	133.9	
Moccasins, sandals	100	111.8	149.8	

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